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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re the Application of:

Kazutaka SHIBATA

Application No.: 09/588,628

Filed: June 7, 2000

For: SEMICONDUCTOR CHIP WITH EXTERNAL CONNECTING TERMINAL (AS AMENDED)

Attorney Docket No.: ROH-0023

Examiner: N. Ha

Art Unit: 2814

Confirmation No. 8757

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

**I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the final Office Action dated March 10, 2003, the period for response being extended to July 10, 2003, by the Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 1, 2, 4-9 and 18-20 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 7 and 18-20 are amended.

Applicant expresses his appreciation for the Examiner's courtesies and helpful comments expressed to Applicant's representative during a telephonic interview on July 1, 2003. The points discussed during the telephonic interview are incorporated in this amendment.

**II. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

(There are no amendments to the specification)

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